

# COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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## 10 Years Later: The Witch Creek-Guejito Fires

In October 2007, more than 197,990 acres of San Diego County burned in the Witch Creek-Guejito Fires. Of that, 9,250 acres were within the City of San Diego, destroying 365 residences in Rancho Bernardo and damaging dozens more.

To commemorate the 2007 fires and highlight the resiliency of our communities, the Rancho Bernardo Community Council is hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Fair on Sunday, October 22, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be more than 30 safety-related booths and activities and refreshments. It will be followed by a benefit concert, with all proceeds benefitting those impacted by recent hurricanes. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/RBCC-7thSafetyFair>

In addition, join the San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation and San Diego Fire-Rescue Department for Fire Prevention Week, Oct 14 at Station 37 in Scripps Ranch. <http://srfiresafe.org/6127-2/>



## New Neighborhood Watch Signs in Scripps Ranch

Improving public safety is one of my top priorities on the San Diego City Council, so I was proud to provide a grant from my District Five Community Programs, Projects and Services fund for new Neighborhood Watch signs for the Scripps Ranch community. When citizens organize themselves through Neighborhood Watch and work with law enforcement to keep a trained eye and ear on their communities, they reduce opportunities for crime by simply demonstrating a presence. Learn more about creating or joining a Neighborhood Watch at <http://www.sandiegoneighborhoodwatch.com/home.html> (Left: Bob Ilko, SRCA president; Right: Lt. Duane Voss)



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## Vaccination, Sanitation & Education: Hepatitis A

The City and County of San Diego are continuing to take aggressive action to combat the spread of hepatitis A. In order to avoid infection, wash your hands regularly after using the bathroom and before preparing or eating food. Surfaces that are frequently touched should be cleaned and sanitized often as well. Learn more about disinfection guidelines here <http://bit.ly/HepAdisinfection>

For vaccination resources, visit [211SanDiego.org](http://211SanDiego.org)

## Taste San Diego's New Purified Water

San Diego relies on importing 85% of its water supply from the Colorado River and Northern California Bay Delta. In order to provide a reliable and sustainable water supply and create a more cost-effective investment for our water needs, the City of San Diego is moving forward with Pure Water San Diego. Pure Water's goal is to provide one-third of San Diego's water supply locally by 2035. To learn more about the water purification process and taste new purified water, you're invited to an open house on October 21. Bring the whole family to enjoy free snow cones, kettle corn and face painting.



**You're Invited!**  
**Pure Water Day**  
**Open House**

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
North City Water Reclamation Plant  
4949 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121

**Bring your family for free snow cones, kettle corn, fun and information!**

- Tour the Pure Water Facility
- Taste the Purified Water
- Visit the Waterwise Garden
- Participate in the Kid Zone!
- Obstacle Course
- Face Painting
- Educational Games

Learn about the upcoming Pure Water facilities and pipelines in your community that will help produce 1/3 of San Diego's water supply by cleaning recycled water.

RSVP by Saturday, October 14, 2017 to confirm your tour spot at [purewatersd.org/tours](http://purewatersd.org/tours).

**Want to know more?**  
Contact us at [purewatersd@saniego.gov](mailto:purewatersd@saniego.gov) or 619-533-7572  
Visit [purewatersd.org/openhouse](http://purewatersd.org/openhouse) for directions and more information.

**SD Pure Water San Diego**

Reserve your tour spot at <https://www.sandiego.gov/water/purewater/purewatersd/openhouse>

## Honoring Jas Arnold at the Trail for All People



In honor of the late Jas Arnold, a leader in the creation of the Trail for All People, San Diego's first fully ADA trail, I had the privilege of joining the Arnold family and the San Diego Chapter of the CA Land Surveyors Association to dedicate a "Final Point" Monument to him. It was beautiful to hear of the impact Jas continues to have on the ADA community, the land surveyors community and San Diego community at-large. Visit the trail in the Black Mountain Open Space Park to see the "Final Point" and enjoy the views. Learn more about the trail at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/trail-for-all-people>



## In the Community



Honored to receive the Paul Harris Fellow recognition from the RB Rotary Club and Rotary Club Foundation Chair Dan Barrios. Learn more about the RB Rotary at <http://rbrotary.org/> Picture Credit: James Kaspar



Speaking with Gene Cubbison on NBC's Politically Speaking, about what the City is doing to help our most at-risk communities. Watch here: <http://bit.ly/MK-politicallyspeakingOct2017>



Touring the San Diego City Clerk's Archives, home to thousands of official city documents dating back to the 1850s. In honor of National Archives Month, explore the events and policies that shaped San Diego at <https://www.sandiego.gov/digitalarchives>



Reading to families at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Library to help kick off the launch of *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten*, a pre-reader literacy program. Learn more at <https://www.sandiego.gov/1000books>



Congratulating the Public Relations Society of America, San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter for 25 years of recognizing PR pros at their Edward L. Bernays Mark of Excellence Awards. Learn about their professional development resources at <http://prsasdic.org/>



Proclaiming October 2017 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in the City of San Diego. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility so learn how to protect yourself online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/it/security/cyber/resources>

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## Community Calendar

### History in the Making: 40 Years of Women in the SDFD

Oct 11 | The Firehouse Museum

<http://sdfirerescue.org/history-in-the-making/>

### Fire Station 37 Open House

Oct 14 | Scripps Ranch Fire Station

<http://srfiresafe.org/6127-2/>

### Scripps Fire Safe Council Golf Tournament

Oct 21 | The Vineyard in Escondido

<http://srfiresafe.org/upcoming-events-news/golf-tournament/>

### SRCA Clean-Up Day

Oct 21 | SRCA Community Center & Business Park

<http://www.scrippsranch.org/committees/cleanup-day-garage-sale>

### Pure Water Open House

Oct 21 | North City Water Reclamation Plant

<http://purewatersd.org/openhouse>

### Recycle Oil & Oil Filters Event

Oct 21 | Public Utilities Operations

[https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/final\\_st422\\_esd\\_fall\\_17\\_oil\\_event\\_buck\\_slip.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/final_st422_esd_fall_17_oil_event_buck_slip.pdf)

### RBCC 7th Annual Safety Fair

Oct 22 | Webb Park

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3aacQ-Xq5pMY09TNkw5bmpOcl/view>

### Trick or Treat at Farmers Market

Oct 28 | 10380 Spring Canyon Road

<http://srfm.org/events>

## Feedback Needed

Your responses to this survey will help me better understand your needs as a resident of the City of San Diego. Please take a moment to complete the survey today at <http://bit.ly/sdconstituentsurvey>



## Proud to Represent District Five of San Diego

Black Mountain Ranch | Carmel Mountain Ranch | Miramar Ranch North | Rancho Bernardo  
Rancho Encantada | Rancho Peñasquitos | Sabre Springs | San Pasqual  
Scripps Miramar Ranch | Torrey Highlands



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